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While the fire was contained to the garage, the home is a total loss due to smoke and heat damage, and holes made by firefighters to get to hot spots in the attic and crawl spaces. Firefighters knocked down the blaze in about 25 minutes Tuesday. Capt. Danny Stamps, San Bernardino County Fire photos

Five people were displaced by a fire in Yucca Valley Tuesday morning. Yucca Valley firefighters were called to a structure fire in the 7600 block of Cibola Trail at 7:44 a.m. and arrived to find heavy smoke and flames in the garage.

Fire crews from Yucca Valley, Yucca Mesa, and Joshua Tree made an aggressive attack and kept the fire from spreading into the home. The flames were knocked down in about 25 minutes.

However, the home suffered major smoke and heat damage, as well as extensive damage to the attic and crawl spaces by firefighters in their efforts to put out the flames.

Battalion Chief Donnie Vilorio said this is the second fire at this location in less than three months. On October 29, fire crews responded to the same address for a fire that was burning several outbuildings and an addition at the back of the house home.

An investigator has been called in to determine the cause of the fire. While the cause of Tuesday's blaze is still unknown, Vilorio said it was not due to electrical problems since there was no power going to the building.

Red Cross has been called in to assist the residents in finding a new place to live.

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The Municipal Advisory Council meeting Heather Clisby photo

The Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council met last night to catch up on business and hear a presentation from the Mojave Water Agency. Reporter Heather Clisby was there...

Last evening, the Morongo Basin Municipal Advisory Council launched a new decade with discussion around water. Tom McCarthy of the Mojave Water Agency presented, "Water and the Morongo Basin: Past, Present and Future." The 20-minute presentation gave a history of the 60-year-old agency, discussed current pipelines and the future of water in the Basin.

The meeting included reports from **County Fire**, Morongo Valley C.S.D. Fire and the Sheriffs Department, who noted an uptick in stolen cars this past month. Wayne Hamilton from the Morongo Basin Haven talked about the ‘Point in Time’ effort to conduct a count of homeless in order to receive much-needed funding from the state. The count will take place on January 23rd and much-needed volunteers will be trained on the 16th. The link to sign up can be found at the bottom of this story.

The next MAC meeting will be held on Monday, February 10 at the Joshua Tree Community Center.

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## **TWENTYNINE PALMS CITY COUNCIL LOOKS TO PUT DOWNTOWN UTILITIES UNDERGROUND**

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The Twentynine Palms City Council meets tonight for their first meeting of the decade to dig into important city business. Reporter Heather Clisby has the details...

This evening, the Twentynine Palms City Council will gather for its first meeting of the decade. First up, a discussion about “under grounding” – the conversion of overhead power lines and other equipment to underground facilities in an area within the perimeters of Project Phoenix. If approved, the project would be covered by a \$6 million state grant.

Next, the **San Bernardino County Fire** Code faces updates and amendments, which happens every three years. Twentynine Palms is within the fire district so the Council must approve these changes. Prior to that, a public hearing is under recommendation.

Finally, there will be a review of the City Council regional organizational assignments.

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